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A Bill

SENATE BILL 516

5 By: Senator Gilmore
6 By: Representative Ray
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS
10 FOR FILING AS A CANDIDATE; TO AMEND THE LAW
11 CONCERNING THE USE OF A PREFIX IN FILING AS A
12 CANDIDATE FOR A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE BY AN
13 APPOINTEE TO A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE; TO ALLOW
14 A PERSON FILING AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF
15 JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF
16 APPEALS WHO IS SERVING IN THAT POSITION AS AN
17 APPOINTEE TO USE THE TITLE OF THAT POSITION AS A
18 PREFIX WHEN FILING AS A CANDIDATE; AND FOR OTHER
19 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 TO ALLOW A PERSON FILING AS A CANDIDATE
24 FOR THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME
25 COURT OR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
26 WHO IS AN APPOINTEE IN THAT POSITION TO
27 USE THE TITLE OF THAT POSITION AS A
28 PREFIX WHEN FILING AS A CANDIDATE.
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-10-103(f)(1)(B)(ii), concerning the
33 requirement for filing as a candidate, is amended to read as follows:

34 (ii) A candidate may use as the prefix the title of
35 a nonpartisan judicial office in an election for a nonpartisan judicial
36 office only if:



1 (a) The candidate is currently serving in a
2 judicial position to which the candidate has been elected in the last
3 election for the office; or

4 (b) The candidate:

5 (1) Is a candidate for the office of
6 Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge,
7 or district judge;

8 (2) Is currently serving in the position
9 of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit
10 judge, or district judge as an appointee; and

11 (3) Has been serving in that position
12 for at least twelve (12) months.

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